



Beginning again January 7: Fellowship & Sunday school

Fellowship and refreshments in the basement before Sunday school. Please keep drinks in the basement. Snacks for children PreK-Grade School are also available. Sunday school for all ages will be held from 11:15 am – 12 pm. Childcare for infants and toddlers is provided in the nursery.



CHILDREN – COLLEGE AGE CLASSES (downstairs)	ADULT CLASSES (sanctuary & downstairs)
Kindergarten – Grade 2: Room 10/11	Jesus and John Wayne: Sanctuary
Grades 3 – 6: Room 3	Be Still and Know: Room 7 (downstairs)
High school & College: Room 5	Coffee & Conversation: Room 13 (downstairs)

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HELPED TODAY: NEXT SUNDAY MORNING (DEC. 31) AT FMC:

Greeters: Rhonda Gibson and Marcia E Nelson
Worship Leader: Janet Elaine Guthrie
Candle Lighters: The Crosby family
Song Leader: Pastor Deb
Piano: Kathy Springer
Trumpet: Levi Springer
Scripture Reader: Mark Evans
Embodied Scripture: Chuck Gibson (Isaiah 9:2-7)
Children's Story: Lynne Sancken
Offertory: Clark & Cindy Breeze
Sermon & Sharing: Pastor Michael
Zoom: Phil Martens
Audio: Bruce Miller
Visuals: Donna Evans & Lynne Sancken
Worship Nursery: Kathy Anderson & Sheryl Dyck
Stewards: Tammie Bouseman & Bob King

Worship begins at 10am.
No Refreshments or Sunday school

Christmas Sunday
Greeters: Rhonda Gibson and Marcia E Nelson
Worship Leader: Earl Kellogg
Candle Lighters: The Needham family
Song Leader: Cindy Breeze
Piano: Jan Kellogg
Advent Music: Danielle Beard & Mary Krick (flutes)
Children's Story: Lynne Sancken
Embodied Scripture (Luke 2:22-40): Rebecca Bare, Cindy Breeze, Chuck Gibson & Pastor Deb
Meditation & Sharing: Pastor Deb
Zoom: Chuck Gibson & Phil Martens
Audio: Randy Nelson
Visuals: Donna Evans & Lynne Sancken
Worship Nursery: Taniya Boone & Donna Evans
Stewards: Mark Evans & Greg Sancken

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WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
of Champaign-Urbana

Following Christ. Nurturing Community. Seeking Peace with Justice.



Jesus is Born



Artist: Rea Koehn

Celebration of Worship

December 24, 2023



Centering chimes

Prelude

***Call to worship** (based on Isaiah 9:2, 6 and Isaiah 11:2)

Leader: The people walking in darkness have seen a great light.

On those living and waiting in a pitch-dark land, light and love have finally dawned.

People: “Love Came Down at Christmas” – 255, verse 1

Leader: A child is born to us, a son is given to us, and the Lord’s spirit will rest upon him.

People: “Love Came Down at Christmas” – 255, verse 2

Leader: He will be named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father and Prince of Peace.

People: “Love Came Down at Christmas” – 255, verse 3

Welcome & prayer

Lighting Advent candles

Leader: Together we wonder.

People: Must we continue to wait?

Leader: Yes; as you wait, hold fast to what is good, rejoice always,
and live in the love of the One who is Love.

Candle lighting hymn #218 “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

Children’s story and offering for Hungry World Farm (www.hungryworldfarm.com)

Congregation sings as children come forward (Voices Together #512)

Advent music *Do You Hear What I Hear?* by N. Regeney/G. Shane

Embodied scripture: Isaiah 9:2-7

Scripture Isaiah 11:1-5

Sermon

***Response Hymn #238** “Wisdom from on High is Dawning”

Offering prayer (offerings can be placed in the offering plates as the greeters come by)

Offertory

Communion

All are welcome at the Lord’s Table. The bread is gluten-free. The juice is grape juice (water is also available). Those not yet baptized are encouraged to participate by eating the bread but passing on the juice. Come and partake as the Spirit leads.

Congregational sharing and prayer (use a mic or text/email prayers to Pastor Michael)

Introduction of visitors

Work of the church

***Sending Hymn #258** “Love Has Come”

***Benediction**

**Stand in body or in spirit. Children are invited to wave the worship ribbons during the hymns.*

We welcome, without exclusion, all who seek God’s love and grace . . .

You are welcome here, inclusive of gender, race, country of origin, ethnicity, sexual orientation, sexual identity, socioeconomic status, family status, past imprisonment, education, citizenship status and physical or mental abilities. We encourage you to share in the rituals, fellowship and ministry of this congregation.

Hearing devices (T-coil and over-ear) and large print hymnals are available from the greeters.

Childcare (birth – preschool) is provided in the nursery downstairs.